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Save the date!

HORIZON2020 Space Info Day & Brokerage Event 11 - 12 October 2018 in Prague

The European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency GSA and the H2020 Space NCP Network COSMOS2020 are organising the Horizon 2020 International Space Information Day and Brokerage Event in Prague, Czech Republic. The aim of the event is to inform on Space opportunities in Horizon 2020 and beyond and to provide first-hand information on the next H2020 Space Call with a special focus on GALILEO Calls.

The participants will have the opportunity to be informed and discuss with the authors of the Space Work Programme 2019 / 2020 and learn from their hints and tips on H2020 proposal writing. Since the next EU Framework Programme is already under development some early information will be provided.

HORIZON2020 Space Info Day & Brokerage Even 14 – 15 November 2018 in Berlin

The German National Contact Point together with COSMOS are organising an International Information Day on the upcoming Space Call in Horizon 2020 on 14/15 November 2018 in Berlin. Speakers from COM, REA and GSA will present details on this call and will give hints and tips on how to write a successful proposal.

Also, the Information Day will be an opportunity to network on international level, as there is a match making session in the programme. Last but not least there will be an outlook on the new Framework Programm "Horizon Europe".

Further information will follow shortly!



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Low-Cost Space Launch: EU sets €10M prize for cheap rockets

The European Innovation Council (EIC) Horizon Prize to develop a European Low Cost Space Launch solution is now open for applications. The Prize will award €10 million to an innovative and commercially viable solution offering low-cost launch services for light satellites.

Assessing and monitoring soil moisture provides important input for both drought and flood risk reduction. Soil moisture is measured by active microwave scatterometers, as well as by passive microwave radiometers. Satellite imagery for soil moisture estimation is partly available free of charge, for example data of Sentinel-1 and Landsat-8. Others have to be purchased.

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ESA Call for Ideas – Generating value to Society from Research in Space

The European Space Agency ESA is inviting public and commercial organisations from ESA Member States to propose ideas and suggestions for commercial and application-driven utilisation of the International Space Station, ISS, and the other space environment facilities. The aim is to generate ideas leading to new products and/or services that will create businesses and generate commercial opportunities.

This joint initiative calls for commercially-driven proposals for utilising ISS, and (if required) to exploit research results stemming from ISS and ground-based space analogues in preparation.

Selected projects would be advanced through three existing mechanisms:

- Assessment of the business plan and market potential, via a Business Applications Feasibility Study;
- Implementation of the research and development project via E3P Programme;
- Pre-commercial demonstration of derived products / services via a Business Applications Demonstration Project.

Submission deadline is on 17 August 2018.

ESA will provide responses to all submitting consortia not later than end September 2018.

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Space4Culture – Satellite Services for Cultural and Historical Cities, 15-16 October 2018, Matera (Italy)

What can satellite services do for those managing historical cities, safeguarding cultural heritage, or creating innovative cultural and artistic experiences?

In the frame of the European Year of Cultural Heritage, the Basilicata Region is joining forces with NEREUS, EURISY and the Italian Space Agency to host a unique workshop on "Space4Culture – satellite services for cultural and historical cities".

The aim of the conference is to discuss current and potential uses of satellite-based services to safeguard and promote cultural heritage, create new and cultural artistic experiences, foster social inclusion, and promote access to culture and arts within and around cities in Europe and in the Mediterranean area.

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Open Call for Copernicus Accelerator

The European Commission has launched a new Open Call for the Copernicus Accelerator, which aims to provide tailored business development support to start-ups, SMEs, research institutes and universities with innovative ideas using Earth Observation (EO) data.

The Copernicus Accelerator offers a customised business development scheme for 50 visionary start-ups and entrepreneurs from Copernicus Participating Countries per year. These 50 candidates all have in common that they develop innovative ideas which are tackling societal challenges by using Earth observation (EO) data, especially from Copernicus.

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